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SUBJ: INAUGURATION OF EEC FINANCED AIRPORT TERMINAL

1. EC COMMISSIONER FOR DEVELOPMENT CHEYSSON GAVE INAUGURAL SPEECH AT OPENING DEC. 29 OF EEC (FED) FINANCED TERMINAL BUILDING AT BAMAKO AIRPORT. IT INCLUDES CONTROL TOWER DETACHED VIP LOUNGE, ACCESS ROAD, ETC. THESE NEW BUILDINGS ARE MOST CONSPICUOUS EXAMPLE OF MASSIVE EEC AID TO MALI (\$200 MILLION 1975-79), AND ARE FAR MORE IMPRESSIVE THAN ANYTHING DONE BY SOVIETS OR CHINESE.

2. CHEYSSON'S ELOQUENT SPEECH STRESSED THE SOLIDARITY OF DUROPE AND AFRICA, POINTING OUT THAT THE SPERPOWERS COULD NOT ALWAYS CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH THE INTERESTS OF SMALLER STATES; ADDING THAT WHEREAS AMERICA ONLY MET 15PERCENT OF ITS RAW MATERIAL NEEDS IN AFRICA, THE FIGURE FOR EUROPE WAS 75PERCENT. MAIN THRUST OF HIS SPEECH, HOWEVER, WAS HIS INVITATION TO MALIAN PRESIDENT TRAORE TO QTE USE EUROPE FOR YOUR NATIONAL PURPOSES END QTE.

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3. COMMENT: CHEYSSON'S SPEECH SHOWED A KEEN UNDERSTANDING

OF MALIAN PSYCHOLOGY AND MADE IT SEEM THAT IT WAS EUROPE THAT WAS BENEFITTING FROM FED AID TO MALI. NOT SURPRISINGLY, CHEYSSON WAS ACCORDED ROYAL TREATMENT--A LAVISH BANQUET AND PERFORMENCE BY NATIONAL DANCE TROUPE AT HOTEL DE L'AMITIE, WHICH WAS OPENED TEMPORARILY FOR THE OCCASION--AND ALL THE PAGEANTRY POSSIBLE IN BAMAKO. DAWKINS

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